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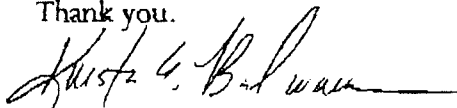
Dear Ms. Hesse,

Finally, Microsoft and the U.S. DOJ have agreed upon a settlement of the marathon-style anti-trust suit against the company. I think that having nine states sign on to the deal proves its value.

From what I have read and heard about the proposed settlement that is pending your approval, it goes a long way toward what the DOJ wanted to accomplish, but does not completely tie Microsoft's hands in a way that they cannot compete. To me this makes great sense as a worthy compromise.

I am hopeful the judge will approve this settlement and allow all the case's participants to go back to doing business as they should.

Thank you.



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